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FOR A HAPPY DAY.

The Gown for the Girl and the
Man That Bought It.

By M. MC-WILLIAMS.

Out in the garden Philomena sat so sweet and high it was like the scent of the clove pink. They stretched in a matted mass all up and down the old fashioned borders. The garden was big, and a wide, weathered gray house brooded beside it. Time was when the Tryon house had been the finest and most hospitable in all the countryside. In the day of broken fortunes it still kept an aroma of cheery good will.

Lusty hundred leaf roses grew behind the bordering pink. Philomena was snipping them ruthlessly, cutting them without stems and dropping them in her apron. It bulged ridiculously with the mass of bloom, but she kept crowding in clipped pinky white petals, pretending to be conscious of nothing but her work.

Somebody had come up behind her, a tall young fellow, supple and merry eyed. He undid the apron strings delicately, gathered the band in his hands, stretching daisy areas about her waist and said: "Stop slaving your thousands, Phil! One rose ought to love her sisters too well for wholesale murder."

Philomena said from his clasp, dexterously leaving the laddered apron within his hands. "If I were a rose I had rather be clipped for posies than be left to waste and wither," she said, with a delicious upward tilt of the chin.

"Being interpreted, that means you have not given up a stage career," Arthur Wayne said, catching her hand. "Phil, Phil," he went on, "you must give it up, I cannot bear to think of my rose, my rose of all the world, withering, fading, in the glare of the footlights."

"Stop! We have gone over all that!" Philomena said impetuously. "I tell you I must go. It is past bearing, the way things are now. Oh, I know my aunts would not starve! They've a roof over their heads, and Uncle John—but I cannot speak of him. What I cannot bear longer is to see them pined, unhappy, lacking the little comforts that mean so much in age, feeling themselves dependent."

"You know our home would be theirs," Arthur interrupted.

Phil gave him a reproachful look. "You won't understand," she said. "All their lives they have been somebody, gentlemanly, able to hold up their heads. Gentlewomen and butlers. They picked money and lost it against Uncle's advice for my sake. Now, when I am told I have a fortune in my throat, I must take care of them even if it breaks my heart!"

"The last word was under breath," Wayne made to draw her to him, but a brisk, bustling voice behind them said: "So ho! Very pretty! Upon my word, very pretty! Are we rehearsing for Stephen and Chloe?" Then without waiting answer the newcomer ran on: "Miss Tryon, be ready for the early train tomorrow. I've a letter from Frazer. He will try your voice, provided you come to him by 10 o'clock in the morning."

"I shall go with you," Arthur said, openly taking Phil in his arms. "I said you must choose, dear. Let me take it back. If you will, let me follow—everywhere."

"No, no! I will not let you spoil your life!" Phil protested, but he held her fast, saying as he looked Master Graham square in the eye: "Philomena is my promised wife and not by a fair weather promise. Wherever you may take her I shall go too."

Graham's eyes were quizzical, yet not unkind. "That's as you please, young man," he said, waving his hand up and down. "But if you'll heed a friendly word, stay behind, at least at first. You see, you'd be set down not as a fact, but a press agent's fake. The voice there, nodding toward Philomena, 'is so pure, so golden, so rare, it needs to be kept high and not vilified. I give you my word the roaring lions supposed to haunt stage doors are really no more than yelping cur dogs. They tag after and fawn."

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upon you for an encouraging look or word, come to the whistle and tumble over themselves to follow a finger even half lifted. But, as for danger, any friend, even an unconscious look scares them. Miss Tryon has only to be herself in order to be always and everywhere perfectly safe.

"Notwithstanding I shall go," Arthur said obstinately.

Graham shrugged his shoulders. Miss Tryon, the elder of the aunts, came tripping between the borders, her daintily wrinkled face exhaling a spiritual fragrance like the scent of dried rose leaves. "Come in, all of you," she said eagerly. "There's a peddler on the piazza, an elderly man, and he looks so tired carrying that heavy pack. Such lovely things! Yes! deprecatingly to Philomena, 'Martha and I let him show them, but indeed it was after we had told him we could not buy. I thought, though, maybe, Arthur—only his mother gets so much in the city. But really there is the loveliest length of brocade, almost exactly like my grandmother's second day's silk.'"

As she spoke she had huddled the other three in front of her toward the house, much as she would have marshaled for a trifle more.

At the piazza steps Philomena sat down, but the man both felt to examining the peddler's wares. Graham, indeed, almost instantly caught up the length of brocade, crying as he threw it over Philomena's shoulder, "Here's exactly what is wanted for your first opera costume!"

In spite of herself Phil gave a little delighted cry. The silvery satin ground was so rich and lustrous, the apple bloom strewn over it so perfect in line and color. She was sorry when the peddler said respectfully:

"That, sir, is an ordered bit, so not for sale."

"Get another place for your order; I'm bound to have this one," said Graham good humoredly.

The peddler shook his head. "There is not another piece like it," he said. "This was specially woven for a happy day gown."

"Who is to wear it?" Philomena asked softly, stifling a sigh. Somehow she found herself trembling, all her courage ebbing away. She wished as she had never wished before that she had somebody of her very own to lean on. Her mother had died when she was born. Her father had gone away, disappeared, leaving her only a clouded name for heritage. She had never known until the trouble came, then Uncle John had spoken harsh truth. It was that as much as love for the two dear old ladies which kept her steadfast to the thought of going into the world and winning its applause.

She had never been curious or envious, but somehow there swelled in her a sense of passionate injury against the unknown who was to wear this happy day gown, ordered to doubt by a father's loving wife. She crushed the rich fabric between her fingers and fixed a long look upon the peddler's face.

"A girl is to wear it—that is, if she chooses," the peddler said, moving a step nearer.

Then she saw that he was more travel worn and weary than aged. Dimly, uncertainly, she saw, too, a likeness that drew her electrically to her feet. Through the open hall door her father's portrait showed in the bloom and strength of young manhood. She glanced from it to the peddler and back again, then stood white as death, facing him, too shaken to speak. His eyes followed hers and grew misty as he cried:

"Sisters! Daughter! So I have really kept my place! Philomena, my baby, the happy day gown was brought for you."

They were "Over."

He was a regular patron of the restaurant. Perhaps that is why he felt justified in making clever remarks to the waitresses, remarks which they were puzzled to know how to answer. One day, however, the smallest and timidest girl happened to be serving this irritating customer, and it fell to her to answer him in kind.

"I'll have some steak," he said, coming to late for dinner, "and some squash, and some—Got some baked potatoes, fine, brown baked potatoes?"

"Baked potatoes are all over," said the girl.

He leaned back in his chair and gazed at her quizzically.

"Baked potatoes all over, are they?" he replied. "All over what?"

"With," she replied simply.—Youth's Companion.

PEOPLE OF THE DAY

A Power in Railways.

Among the lieutenants of the late E. H. Harriman none is better known in the railroad world than Albert J. Earllog, who was held in high esteem by his former chief. Wherever railroaders gather Mr. Earllog's name is mentioned with respect and enthusiasm, because he began at the bottom and won his way.

Sixty years ago Mr. Earllog was born in a little town in Wisconsin, and his education was acquired in the common schools. At the age of eighteen he entered the employ of the St. Paul and Minnesota as a clerk, and since then his career has been over on the up grade. After serving for a time as clerk he learned telegraphy and be-



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came a train dispatcher. It is said of him that he never made a mistake.

For five years he controlled the movements of the trains on the St. Paul system and then became successively assistant superintendent and general manager, achieving the latter position at the age of forty. Ten years later he was elevated to the presidency of the St. Paul. Under him that road became a part of the transcontinental route established by Mr. Harriman.

Mr. Earllog was an important factor in consolidating the system outlined by Mr. Harriman and since the latter's death has been the real head of the Union Pacific.

Ballinger's First Law Case.

Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, tells of his first-law case which he had at Kankakee, Ill. "I had hung out my shingle a good while before any client arrived," he said. "Finally one came. He was a weak, meek being whom three determined women had wedded in rapid succession. As all of the wives appeared against him, we lost the case, and he got a term of two years. But this did not seem to worry him—in fact, he seemed anxious for more. He was taken to the penitentiary, and just before his term ended I got a letter from him. 'Do you think,' the bigamist asked anxiously, 'that it will be safe for me to come out?'"

A Stickler For the Law.

It is said of Judge Elmer B. Adams, one of the four United States jurists who declared the Standard Oil company to be a trust in restraint of trade, that he originated the phrase "the man higher up." Whether or not this is true, it is well known that Judge Adams is a stickler for the law as it is written and has a stern sense of justice.

It is told of Judge Adams that on one occasion a man came before him who was charged with assaulting a mail carrier and taking from him registered letters, burning all save the money contained in the pouch. Unable to believe the evidence against



ELMER B. ADAMS.

the ill dressed man before him, the judge looked for some indication that a mistake had been made. When convinced that the culprit was guilty he sentenced him to imprisonment for life. As the astonished offender staggered from the room the judge called him back and added a sentence of twenty years.

Judge Adams is a native of Vermont, was educated at Yale and got his law degree from Harvard. He is sixty-seven years old and was appointed to the federal bench by President Roosevelt. He is a Democrat in politics, but voted for Taft at the last election.

Not a Bit Concocted.

Husband—How concocted you are, Emma! You're always looking at your self in the glass. Wife—I'm sure I am not. I don't think I'm half as pretty as I really am.—Illustrated Bits.

BIG NAVAL SCANDAL

Paymaster Auld to be Tried by Court Martial

PUGILISTIC MAN BLAMED

For Breaking of the Engagement with Miss Swift—Trouble Occurred at the Boston Navy Yard.

Washington, Jan. 24.—One of the biggest naval scandals of recent years will be aired on January 31 next at the Boston navy yard, when a court-martial will convene for the trial of two naval officers for unbecoming conduct at a dance given by Medical Director Howard E. Ames at his home at the Boston yard. The outcome was that Secretary Meyer yielded to the pressure that was brought to bear and overruled the action of the bureau of navigation and ordered the court-martial.

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